

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-14 have been rejected in the Office Action of October 12, 2006. Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in light of the claim amendments, as explained in more detail below.

Claims 7 and 14 were rejected in the Office Action because the Examiner believes that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for a "metal cut seal." The Examiner explains "Applicants definition of the metal cut seal is made up of elements that are previously claimed and therefore would fail to further limit the claim from which it depends since the parent claim would inherently have a 'metal cut seal.'" While Applicants continue to believe that the combination of those elements does support the phrase "metal cut seal," to advance issuance of this application, Applicants have canceled claims 7 and 14. Accordingly, the rejection of those claims is now moot.

Claims 1-14 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite. In particular, the Examiner has rejected the language "a recess having a pointed edge with an acute angle" in independent claims 1 and 8. The Examiner has proposed alternative language. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 8 to adopt the Examiner's proposed language.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is

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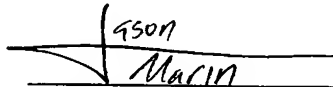
required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely.

Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order

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